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Tonight's Republican Caucus.

The republican caucus tonight will consider the question of the election laws in certain southern states and their influence on representation in Congress. An evil is generally confessed, and a remedy is sought. There are two propositions. One is the enactment of a so-called "force" bill, giving United States courts jurisdiction in the premises, and the other is the application of the penalty prescribed by the Constitution for disfranchising men on account of color or previous condition of

The first proposition should receive but scant attention. It is unworthy of adoption. It would but complicate an already grave situation. For nearly thirty years the country has heard now and then about a "force" bill, and always with a show of irritation. Two efforts were made in Congress to pass such a bill, and both provoked discussion in Congress and out which disclosed very warm disapproval. Ten years have elapsed since the Lodge bill was defeated, but public sentiment on the subject has not changed. It is not so very improbable indeed that this present proposition is but a maneuver to confuse matters in the hope of preventing action of any kind at this time. If a "force" bill is the only remedy it would be better to drop the subject. For the remedy, upon the whole, would prove to be worse than the disease.

The other proposition rests upon a very clear state of case. That the Constitution with respect to the suffrage has been violated in states that may be named admits of no doubt except for quibbling purposes. The state conventions which wrought in that way were composed of men who openly admitted their aims and the object of their labors. They picked their language with care, in an effort to provide standing for themselves in court, where they feared they might one day be summoned; but otherwise they attempted no disguises. To disfranchise as many negroes as possible, but not a single white man, was the battle cry. The result of this is that in those states the negroes are counted out in the voting at home, but counted in by their opponents in the voting in Congress. A population which is not permitted to express itself as to a dog law in a state is used to decide tariff and finance laws in Congress, and to decide in the electoral college who shall be President of the United

This is no sectional question, but a national question. The southern politicians are naturally reluctant to give up their power, even though the Constitution demands it. But where one vote in the south is made thus to count in our national affairs for as much as ten votes in the east or west, or in the middle states, obviously something in the national behalf should be done. And the Constitution distinctly prescribes what that thing should be

Snow on Sidewalks.

The recent snowfall has again demonstrated that something is wrong with the law which requires the owners or users of fairly questioned. city property to clean the sidewalks within a certain period. Most householders eemply promptly with this requirement, the majority not waiting until the finish of the storm, but cleaning paths during the fall, so that the footway is fairly clear from the outset. Somehow, however, the law cannot be made to reach the owners of vacant lots. In the semi-suburbs during the past week scores of lots, often entire squares, were left untouched of shovels or brooms, the public wading through the snow or more often forced into the street to follow the wagon trails or, when fortune smiled, the car tracks. The government, too, was decidedly derelict, its squares and triangles remaining long beyond the legal limit without being touched, while the pub-

The law requires that if the sidewalks are not cleaned within four hours of daylight after the fall of snow not only shall the owners or tenants be fined for the offense, but the Commissioners shall cause the sidewalks to be cleaned and the cost assessed against the property. In order to do this effectively a fund should be provided which will enable the Commissioners, immediately upon the expiration of the time limit, to send forth a series of gangs to attack the vacant lots first and to clean them of the accumulated snow. This fund could be kept supplied from the extra assessments against the property collectable under the law as it stands. The employment of the money in this way would grant effective aid to the unemployed at the very season when they most seriously need funds.

If the law for the cleaning of sidewalks is not enforcible it should be repealed. But there seems to be no good reason why it cannot be given effect for the sake of publie comfort.

Judge Arthur H. Noyes of Alaska, like Judge Humphreys of Hawaii, seems to be a wretched misfit in judicial position.

The Biddle boys have completely supplanted the James boys as heroes of inflammatory juvenile literature.

Prince Henry will display his affability by listening patiently to an immense amount of boarding-school German.

Anglo-Saxons and the Soil.

The Rochester, N. Y., Union, in a deliverance favoring scuttle in the Philippines.

"The local British organ quotes approv-"The local British organ quotes approvingly the following remark made recently in the House by Representative Cannon: 'Right or wrong, the United States owns the Philippine Islands, and the Anglo-Saxon people, abroad or here, never have parted with an acre of soil when they have once owned it.' This certainly has a fine imperialist ring. But is the statement true? Did not a certain Anglo-Saxon people, to wit, the people of England, once upon a time part with a good many 'acres of soil' situated in this part of the world? The historians of the American war of independence bear testimony to that effect."

The Union is easily taken in its own net.

The fight for control of the North American colonies was between two wings of the Anglo-Saxon people. George the Third, representing the English wing, took one view of the matter, and George Washington, representing the American wing, took the other. The Virginian had both the right of the controversy and the genius to enforce it, and he won. But not "an acre of soil" passed out of the possession of the Angle-Saxon people. It took those who owned the soil seven years of hard and bloody fighting to assert complete control of it, and they would have fought seven years longer had it been necessary. The Angle-Saxon both lost and won in that

The situation in the Philippines is all very different. It is the Angio-Saxon against dependence is assailed and questioned he is the Asiatic there. We are on the ground forced to declare his sole accountability, by every right that a nation need plead in which will force him into a more and justification of its efforts to assert author- more conspicuously responsible place be- the queerest.

ity. We are not robbing anybody. On the contrary, we are preparing to give the Filipinos their first opportunity to own the soil and prosper on it. Under the Spanish regime, they were but the hopeless tenants of the friars in the choicest parts of the archipelago. They owned nothing. They were but allowed to live. The Anglo-Saxon proposes the purchase of all of these rich friar holdings and throwing them open to the Filipinos for settlement. And in addition to this, he assures the Filipinos of far better government than he has ever known before, and better than any other Asiatic people have ever known.

Mr. Cannon, who is an old-fashloned American, representing old-fashioned constituents, and, with them, entertaining oldfashioned American ideas, believes that the Anglo-Saxon, in a contest for supremacy, is a better man than the Asiatic, and will win in the Philippines. He is probably right. If he isn't right; if the Anglo-Saxon "parts with an acre of soil" in the Philippines because of inability to hold it, the day will not be a distant one when he may be expected to weaken all along the line. And whenever Uncle Sam, in either a cowardly or penitent mood, drops upon his knees and confesses that he has been a robber and a hypocrite, and offers to make restitution to all who may feel that they have been despoiled by him, he'll find that a hard-headed and practical world, forcing his logic and meaning, will sail in and strip But he is in no such mood today.

Tsi An's Tears. The tears shed by Tsi An Saturday, when Mrs. Conger, wife of the American minister at Pekin, addressed the dowager in behalf of the foreign legation women, should not be regarded as disclosing the complete reformation of that formidable guardian of the dragon throne. Tsi an must give more substantial signs of a change of heart toward foreigners than a few tears, shed in a moment of agitation upon a ceremonial occasion of unusual significance. She may have been sincerely affected by the scene. It meant a great a al to her, doubtless, for it signified, incidentally, that the old days of Chinese official insolence toward the legations have gone, probably never to return. Her emotion was probably tinged strongly with selfish regret.

When Ts! An sheds genuine tears of sorrow for her past misdeeds and of promise of future righteousness, then indeed will a new day dawn for China. Had she been honestly friendly toward oreigners and appreciative of the beneficence of the reforms which they represented. ... tragedies of 1900 would not have occurred. She controlled the situation then, as she presumably controls it now, apart from the increased power of the western nations.

But Saturday's event was important whether Tsi An's tears were genuinely indicative of repentance or were of the crocodile sort. It effectively supplemented the audience of a few days previous, when the emperor received the ministers in state. they being for the first time in history welcomed as representatives of powers equal in rank with China. A new years ago the dowager received the ladies of the legations, after much pressure had been applied by the ministers upon the tsung li yamen to secure for their wives an audience with the "empress." It was hoped that thereby the emperor's official wife would be given the place of honor, and that this would supplement the work then being feebly attempted by the emperor to institute reforms. But the wily ... An substituted herself for the empress and received the legation ladies with every sign of haughty superiority, which caused them to regret the occasion and their husbands to realize that instead of fostering the reform movement they had inadvertantly played into the hands of the reactionary party. Forgetful of fame, of reward and of rest. The marked contrast between that affair and this lastest augience is, therefore, of significance, even though the genuineness of the tears shed by the dowager may be

A Local Jail Delivery. It might have been expected that Washington would not escape a bit of experience in the jail-breaking line, with prisoners in so many cities cutting out bars and sawing window sashes and by devious ways making for liberty. Today's escape from the workhouse was a small affair compared with that at Pittsburg and the more recent loss of two important prisoners in Long From the Chicago Record-Herald. Island City. The men are of little consequence as prisoners go, and their hardihood in venturing forth from comparatively comfortable and at least warm quarters into the freezing air of midwinter is a matter for wonderment. The facility with which they turned the trick, however, is instructive and should cause a general overhauling of the devices for detention in not only the workhouse, but in the jail itself, from which a delivery might be of more serious consequence.

District Attorney Jerome has fully demonstrated that he has the nerve needed to carry a reformer through the calcium light and brass band period of his career.

The attention of the audience will be divided between Prince Henry and the man who refused to give up his box. The singers will not stand much chance.

Mr. Whitney has decided to retire from active participation in affairs. But he will be discussed as a presidential possibility

Alfred Austin has not made any protest against the competition to government poetry that English literature is developing.

The 21/2-cent coin might give Tom I Johnson another idea as to the price that ought to be demanded for a street car ride.

There is no excuse for complaining of Washington weather. There is sufficient variety to accommodate every preference.

Real or Imitation?

When Lewis Nixon was designated by Richard Croker to succeed him as chairman of the Tammany Hall committee on finance, which carries with it the boss-ship, the distinct announcement was made that Nixon was to become Croker's successor in fact as well as in name, and was to take over all his powers and prestige. Nixon assumed the reins of control with the air of a man who knows just how to handle a fractious bunch of horses, who held a long whip and was at full liberty to wield it without pity upon the backs of all who might try to jump the traces. As long as Croker remained on this side Nixon's position was questioned only in whispers, or in quarters where the Tammany affairs are legitimate topics of violent debate. But as soon as Croker had sailed away, and Nixon was left alone, the trouble began. Immediately the question arose, Is he a real boss or only a figure-head. This was asked with such persistency and by such persons that Nixon was forced to assert himself. He had to declare that he had become sole and unbossed boss of Tammany when Croker resigned his chairmanship. But this did not quet the scoffers, who are chiefly of the Greater New York Democracy, the Sheehan organization opposed to Tammany. In that crowd are many who know the inside affairs of Tammany fairly well and their repeated assertions that Nixon is a mere stalking horse for ...e absent Richard is being taken by the town in some degree of earnestness. It is altogether probable that Croker would keep a string on the boss-

ship. It is quite unlikely that he would cut

cut for Nixon, for in the degree that his in-

cose entirely. The situation is rather diffi-

fore the public. If anything goes wrong, Nixon will be blamed in the degree that he succeeds in persuading the people that he ne is chargeable for Tammany. At the same time nobody really believes that Croker went to Europe leaving the affairs of a disgruntled, defeated and partly disintegrated party in the hands of a man who. compared with himself, is an amateur at political maneuvering.

It is said that Attorney General Knox once charged \$50,000, hoping that the fee would be refused, so that he could proceed with his plans for a vacation. Possibly before he is through with the expenses which attend official life he will be glad he took the money.

It is safe to predict that Mr. Hitchcoc of New York won't get any jeweled cigarette case or diamond sleeve buttons when Prince Henry distributes his presents.

The tradition concerning the ingratitude of republics may be due to the fact that as soon as a man gets to be a hero he beomes a political suspect.

There is still some disposition to find fault with American millionaires who devote time to such small games as ere played at Monte Carlo.

It is said that the Empress of China shed real tears when the deeds of the Boxers were recalled to her. Tsi An would rather shed tears than tacks.

The electrical inventor is displaying some of the eloquence that was once regarded as the exclusive property of the lightning rod

SHOOTING STARS.

His Hesitancy. "There is another application for you to give something to a very worthy enterorise," said the congressman's wife. "Well, it's a hard matter to decide," he answered. "If I don't give, my constituents will consider me ungracious. And if I do, they will think I am luxuriating here in Washington, with nothing to do but waste

The Cost of Things.

Old Mother Hubbard She went to the cupboard To get her poor doggie a snack. But she found not a crust, For the deeds of a trust

Compelled them to both go 'way back. "I don't understand why any wealthy gentleman should object to giving up his box at the opera for the accommodation of Prince Henry," said Mr. Cumrox as he looked in the glass to see if his white neckle was on straight.

"It does seem a little inhospitable," re plied his wife. "Not only that. Why should he neglect

such a splendid excuse for not going to His Objection.

"You say you object to Herbert," said the fair girl.

"I do," said the man who likes to play draw poker. "I do."

"Because every time Herbert calls he's

The Crank. Here's to the crank! If it were not for him This world would be empty and idle and

For he is the fellow who's doing his best,

His failures have brought us a measure of

That was welcome indeed to this busy old And when he succeeds, we awaken to find

That he is the creditor of all mankind. So what does it matter, if thoughtless ones

Or offer him pity that's worse than a sneer For a reverent world oft assembles to thank The man who was one day dismissed as a

The City Beautiful.

Washington is to be the most beautiful city in the world. The decree has been entered in the book of fate. The people of the United States have willed it. What the sovereign wills must be done. The Burn-ham commission has completed the plan. The conditions are perfect; the time is ripe. It only remains for Congress to act. Most national capitals grew. Washington s being made to order. Accident was not its father, nor human necessity its mother. Neither were the nurses left to work out the problem of its fate. Washington was the problem of its fate. Washington was planned with the exactness of geometry. Nature endowed it with beauty, and art became its godmother. Washington, Jefferson and L'Enfant were the triumvirate that decreed its form and future. They had prophetic vision and wrought for the ages. Washington is not finished. It is barely a century old, merely an infant as a nation's capital. It has taken on much of the beauty bespoken by its trio of sponsors. It has already outgrown the derision once lurking in the title of the City of Magnificent Distances. It is about to enter upon a new stage in its development. The American people have emerged from the bread and butter age as a nation. Public sentiment demands that Washington shall be made the City Beautiful, that the noble bemade the City Beautiful, that the noble be-ginnings shall be expanded and harmonized into unrivaled glories.

The White House.

From the Kansas City Star. As it is highly desirable that the White House at Washington should be preserved as the home of the Presidents, without any alterations which are not actually demanded for the comfort and convenience of the occupants, it is proper that provision should be made outside of the mansion for the transaction of the official business, which takes up a considerable part of its space. It is proposed to meet this need by locating near the mansion a building for the Departments of Justice and State. With the President and his family meeting the social demands which the people are social demands which the people are pleased to see them fulfill, the White House with its business attachment is too small, and public sentiment is not friendly to the substitution of a larger and more modern building in its place.

Nashville's Horses.

From the Nashville Banner. An aggressive and effective society for the prevention of cruelty to animals is needed in Nashville. When the ground was covered with sleet we noticed a number of wagons as heavily loaded as at ordinary times. Of course the horses could hardly draw their loads. Aside from the cruelty of it, it was the poorest sort of economy to strain the horses to the utmost and incur the risk of breaking their legs, as they re-peatedly slipped and fell.

Not Retaliation. From the Los Angeles Herald. Really, the Germans are not sending Prince Henry as a retaliatory measure.

Building Records. From the Syracuse Herald.

Building activity in the last year in all Building activity in the last year in all parts of this country, as shown by the statistics gathered, exceeded all precedent. There was in the representative municipalities in different sections an increase of from 15 to 260 per cent over the preceding year in the amount of money invested in all kinds of building.

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